

Message

From: Mastro, Donna [Mastro.Donna@epa.gov]
Sent: 3/17/2020 11:53:41 AM
To: Hall, Kristen [hall.kristen@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Request for comment on PES benzene emissions

Yea- will do

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From: Hall, Kristen <hall.kristen@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 6:09 AM
To: Mastro, Donna <Mastro.Donna@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Request for comment on PES benzene emissions

I don't know why they include him, could you ask Dennis and Patrick O'Neil to stop, or at least direct their questions to us? I don't really know them

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From: Mastro, Donna <Mastro.Donna@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 5:51 AM
To: Hall, Kristen <hall.kristen@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Request for comment on PES benzene emissions

Thanks - I thought we had a prior statement addressing reduced emissions since it closed . And why does Philly always send to Foley???

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On Mar 17, 2020, at 5:40 AM, Hall, Kristen <hall.kristen@epa.gov> wrote:

I'm including the press contacts on this as I believe we have talking points.

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On Mar 16, 2020, at 7:40 PM, Fernandez, Cristina <Fernandez.Cristina@epa.gov> wrote:

Can we help with a response?

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Patrick O'Neill <Patrick.ONeill@Phila.gov>
Date: March 16, 2020 at 6:09:23 PM EDT
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Subject: FW: Request for comment on PES benzene emissions

Donna et al., Please see the questions from a reporter from eenews below. Can you help address this or have you received similar questions?

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From: Corbin Hiar <chiar@eenews.net>
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2020 5:23 PM
To: James Garrow <James.Garrow@phila.gov>
Subject: Request for comment on PES benzene emissions

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Hi James,

We're planning to run a story tomorrow afternoon about the ongoing benzene problems at the former PES refinery site. Data from the fourth quarter of 2019 shows that emissions from the site exceeded EPA's action level of 9 micrograms per cubic meter for all but one of the six sampling periods. Three monitor readings even topped 30 micrograms.

Why haven't regulators and the current and future owners of the site been able to reduce its benzene emissions? What steps is the Philadelphia government taking to protect fenceline communities from the carcinogenic gas? How will the city ensure that redeveloping the site doesn't stir up even more toxic fumes?

Please get back to me with any responses or additional information by 11 a.m. on Tuesday.

Thanks,
Corbin

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